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Dear Jim,

It was kind of you to go to all the trouble of checkin' and getting schedules for me but I just haven't time to travel except by air. A non-stop gets me to Paris in two hours. With the time lag, one. With an early start I can be there not much after 10 a.m. with the schedule I know and there may be even earlier planes. I do little sleeping at home and less when I'm away, for there is too much to do. However, all this is reparation. I can go there when someone else makes it possible. I'm flat broke. Last time I was there I lost 15 lbs from just not eating.

I do expect in the not distant future I will be there. For how long, what I'll have to look into first, when it can be are all things I can't even guess now. It may well be that the car can be a boon. If I can't stay at your place during the week, I'd sure like to if I am there for a weekend, if only to type notes, etc., out of the city. But we'll have to wait and see. It is kind of you to make these offers. I may, indeed, want to accept them.

But there is another aspect. If my time is limited, it looks like with good luck I'd be spending about 3 hrs a day travelling. If I work as I did in the past, I might be starting there 2-3 a.m., which isn't practical. So, we'll have to wait and see.

Don't approach Ouis. You told me this once before ~~xx~~ and I wrote and I got reassurances and nothing else. I have written him and if it is true that Jim doesn't want me there, it will make no difference to me. If and when I can be there I will be.

There is no question of trust of you. There is question whether some or what I may be into when I am there should involve anyone else. One aspect is that some witnesses will talk to me and will not talk in the presence of others. If you felt you might be subject to retaliation, would you speak freely before a stranger?

Thanks for the comments on FRAME-UP.

Nothing else really new, and no more time. Sincere thanks, and if and when I'll be able to tell you my plans, I will.

Sincerely,